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1. TWO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS SERVE AS USEFUL REMINDERS OF THE NEED FOR URGENT GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE RECOMMENDATION FOR A MEETING OF PRESIDENTS THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL WHEN THE ZAMBIAN CHIEF OF STATE WILL BE TRANSITTING THE UNITED STATES TO AND FROM JAMAICA WHERE HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CHIEFS OF STATE.

2. AT A PRIVATE LUNCHEON NOV 27 JEAN VUILLEQUEZ, VICE CHAIRMAN OF AMAX (AGAIN IN ZAMBIA IN HOPES SETTling OUTSTANDING COMPENSATION ISSUE RELATED TO GRZ CANCELLATION IN MID-1973 OF COPPER COMPANY'S MANAGEMENT AND SALES CONTRACT) TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO TELL ME HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO THE AMERICAN COMPANY'S INTERESTS IN ZAMBIA IF A MEETING OF PRESIDENTS COULD TAKE PLACE. HE SOUGHT MY OPINION -- WHICH WAS FAVORABLE -- TO THE IDEA OF HIS COMPANY MAKING ITS INTERESTS KNOWN TO THE WHITE HOUSE. HE INDICATED AMAX CHAIRMAN IAN MCGREGOR WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE MATTER IN WASHINGTON SOON AFTER VUILLEQUEZ RETURNS TO NEW YORK WEEK OF DECEMBER 2.

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3. AT FAREWELL AT RESIDENCE OF DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS

I WAS ASKED OPENLY ABOUT STATEMENT MADE RECENTLY BY GUYANESE HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WOULD BE INVITED TO US BY PRESIDENT FORD EN ROUTE TO JAMAICA. I WAFFLED SOMEWHAT, SAYING IT WOULD BE NICE BUT THAT I HAD NOTHING OFFICIAL ON THE MATTER.

4. PRESIDENT KAUNDA RETURNS TO ZAMBIA SUNDAY, DEC 2, FROM TWO WEEK VISIT TO MOSCOW, BUCHAREST, BELGRADE AND TEHRAN. WOULD HOPE THAT SOON AFTER HIS RETURN AND PREFERABLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, FAVORABLE DECISION WILL HAVE BEEN MADE IN WASHINGTON TO EXTEND INVITATION TO KAUNDA TO VISIT US AS GUEST OF PRESIDENT. GRZ REQUEST FOR VISIT WAS FIRST MADE SEPT 19 BY FONMIN MWAANGA TO ASST SEC EASUM IN NEW YORK.

5. AT RISK OF EMPHASIZING THE OBVIOUS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT KAUNDA HAS BEEN PLAYING KEY REALISTIC AND MODERATING ROLE IN SERIES OF A ORCHESTRATED AFRICAN ACTIONS FOR ACHIEVEMENT DECOLONIZATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SINCE PORTUGUESE COUP APRIL 25 KAUNDA HAS MET REPEATEDLY WITH CHIEFS OF STATE FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OF ZAIRE, TANZANIA, BOTSWANA, MALAWI, CONGO BRAZZAVILLE AND WITH FRELIMO HEAD AND MOZAMBIKAN PRESIDENT DESIGNATE. IT IS AN OPEN SECRET THAT KAUNDA'S CLOSEST FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR HAS OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH TOP SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REGARDING RHODESIA; AND THAT NATIONALIST LEADERS FROM RHODESIA HAVE BEEN IN ZAMBIA. MEETINGS HAVE COMMENCED IN LONDON BETWEEN HMG AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAMBIA, TANZANIA AND BOTSWANA REGARDING THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA FOR WHICH GREAT BRITAIN HAS RESPONSIBILITIES OF SOVEREIGNTY. FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY CALLAGHAN IS EXPECTED IN ZAMBIA EARLY IN 1975.

6. ASST SEC EASUM'S RECENT VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS A STRONG AND POSITIVE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF US RHETORIC ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE. A MOST APPROPRIATE NEXT ACTION WOULD BE AN INVITATION AND AN ACTUAL VISIT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA TO THE UNITED STATES.

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7. SUCH A VISIT WOULD HELP OVERCOME THE LINGERING BITTER MEMORIES OF THE ABORTIVE MEETING OF PRESIDENTS IN 1969. MOST IMPORTANTLY IT WOULD GIVE DESERVED RECOGNITION TO WHAT THE ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT AND OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS ARE DOING TO ASSIST THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO

EXPLAIN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL TO A LEADING AFRICAN
MODERATE THE PRECISE NATURE OF OUR INTERESTS IN THE
REGION AND TO DISPEL CERTAIN AFRICAN DOUBTS AS TO HOW
THESE INTERESTS ENABLE US TO BE A FORCE FOR
CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE IN THE REGION.
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